35th Annual Awards Ceremony



October 21, 2021

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Harford County Department of Community Services

About our Awards

The Harford's Most Beautiful People's Ripple Effect Award

The Harford's Most Beautiful People's Ripple Effect Award is named to symbolize the exponential impact volunteering has on our community. Just like a pebble dropped into a pond, our nominees send ripples through Harford County.

Harford's Most Beautiful Shining Light Award

In 2015, the Glassman Administration introduced the Harford's Most Beautiful Shining Light Award. This award was established to recognize the brave volunteers who use their personal stories to shine a light of awareness on serious issues facing our County. Often the topics have deep, personal, and painful significance, yet these individuals fight stigmas and talk about difficult subjects that many would rather push into the shadows.



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 35th Annual Harford's Most Beautiful People Awards! I am proud to honor our nominees, who devote thousands of hours to lift up our community. Their selfless acts enrich many lives.

This year's nominees help families living in poverty, individuals with disabilities, citizens in recovery from addiction, and do so much more. They serve in shelters, churches, community centers and even on Facebook. Their generous contributions of time and talent help make Harford County a special place.





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Welcome Reception and Awards Ceremony

Thursday, October 21, 2021

6:30 p.m. Reception

7:15 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

Director of Community Services Amber Shrodes

Musical Selection

A Cappella Journey

Opening Remarks

Harford County Executive Barry Glassman

Presentation of Nominees Kristy Breslin, WJZ-TV

Musical Selection

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Special Presentation

Harford's Most Beautiful People Award

8:00 p.m. Closing Remarks Kristy Breslin, WJZ-TV





nne Acerno volunteers her time at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Abingdon. For 11 years, she has been the head of the music ministry for the parish vacation Bible school where she plans musical programs and engages the children in their faith. Anne has served as a cantor for the adult choir for 14 years and has provided music for marriage and funeral ceremonies. She serves as a board member of the parish's theatre group, The Shadow Players, bringing to

life inspirational stories for all ages. Anne's passion and talent are a beautiful blessing to those around her.





oe Ayler dedicates his time and money for the betterment of Harford County. He serves on the marketing committee and board of directors of Harford Family House, where he sponsors events including Boots and Bow Ties, Home Runs for the Homeless, and Off the Streets. Joe also serves on the boards of the Greater Maryland Business Bureau and Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation and sponsors

their key events and initiatives. His generosity has also benefited the Bel Air Downtown Alliance, the Greater Bel Air Community Foundation, Rally Against Parkinson's, Maryland Center for the Arts, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Harford and Cecil Counties, Toys for Tots, Children of Zion, Grace Classical Academy, and Agape Projects. Joe's passion for helping his neighbor is a beautiful reminder of what community is.





ary Boblits is the founder of Harford Citizens Crush COVID-19, a Facebook group designed to assist citizens in scheduling vaccinations during the pandemic. When COVID vaccines were in high demand and very short supply, Mary organized a team of 25 volunteers who worked around the clock to connect Harford County residents with available appointments. She and her team booked over 1,000 appointments for citizens,

many of whom were seniors with limited access or skills to navigate the internet, serving an urgent and unprecedented need and ensuring privacy for those she helped. Mary's actions are a beautiful example of coming together during a crisis.





Richard Carey is committed to the advancement of education and social justice for his fellow Harford Countians. He serves as the secretary for the Harford County chapter of the NAACP, where he ensures collaboration and connection to Maryland State Conference. He is a member of the Iota Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., serving as president and treasurer. Through this fraternity, Richard organized participation in

the Adopt a Highway program, set up the charter for the IAL scholarship program at Harford Community College and Cecil College, and is active in Project Alpha, which teaches life skills and etiquette to young men ages 10 to 18. Additionally, Richard serves on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Harford County Gifted and Talented Program, ensuring requirements compliance and lobbying for resources. He also assisted the Hosanna School Museum with its state compliance, allowing them to access their tax exemption certificate. Richard's dedication and commitment make him one of Harford's most beautiful people.





om Dennison volunteers with the Restore Church and has served in several capacities, including the AV team, special events, sports camp, car shows, and as a small group leader. At 62, this disabled veteran shows spiritual support and provides transportation to other local veterans and replaces tattered flags with new ones around the county. Tom is a foster parent and has brought over 20 children into his home over the years, adopting

two. He looks out for the homeless, delivering care packages to those he meets on the streets. Tom's giving spirit is a beautiful example of selflessness.





eorge and Nina Evans are committed to addiction recovery in Harford County. After losing their daughter, Emily, they began their outreach by attending events hosted by Rage Against Addiction, and became convinced they needed to do more. Their goal was to help individuals with addiction

obtain treatment without worrying about financial barriers. The Evanses created the Emily Evans Concert for Hope. Even through a pandemic, they raised \$30,000 for Rage Against Addiction and The Klein Family Crisis Center. Through their own grief, they created a beautiful memorial in their daughter's name that will continue to provide hope to those with addiction.



awaniee Flowe and her daughter, Jada, are the founders of Blessed to Be a Blessing meat donation program, through which they coordinate and purchase 300 pounds of fresh beef and chicken per month to feed insecure families in Harford County.

Concerned about the meat shortages at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Kawaniee and Jada coordinated with Bowman's Butcher shop to obtain large quantities of meat for their donation program. They coordinated the storage of the meat with Dr. Eva Thornton, a local educator, who not only had access to a freezer but could also connect them to insecure families. During a year full of fear and uncertainty, this beautiful duo provided over 4,000 pounds of meat to those in need.



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andy Guzewich tirelessly volunteers with the Chesapeake Cancer Alliance, which assists cancer patients and their families through events such as the Festival of Trees, the Amanda Hichkad Memorial Walk, and gift-wrapping services. She is a board member of the Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation and helps raise hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. Dedicated to the education of Harford County students, Sandy raises funds for STEM and academic

scholarships through the Harford County chapter of the American Association of University Women and as president of the Bel Air Lions Club. Sandy is also a devoted member of St. Margaret's Church and has taught Sunday school and worked to help those in need through the church's food service programs. She is a beautiful example of energy and grace which benefits many in our county.





r. Generosa Lazor heard the call for volunteers and was one of the first in line to help vaccinate the public. She retired as a well-loved pediatrician in 2020 but came out of retirement to volunteer with Harford Citizens Crush COVID-19 to help aid senior citizens who needed vaccine appointments. Dr. Lazor served on their steering committee and helped create strategies to vaccinate shut-ins. She further volunteered

to administer the shots, delivering cheer and vaccines to thousands of Harford County residents. She became a paparazzi magnet as former staff and patients recognized her, requested her station, and snapped pictures before leaving the clinic with a smile and one of the lollipops she kept on hand. Dr. Lazor is a beautiful example of community coming together in a crisis.





ickie Luther has been a committed volunteer with SARC (Sexual Assault Spouse Abuse Resource Center) for almost 20 years. She serves as a board member, secures sponsors for their many events, and helps with crucial fundraising to further SARC's mission to end domestic violence. Vickie also procures much-needed items for the clients of SARC, from furniture to household items and children's toys. Additionally, Vickie supports

Race Against the Abuse of Children Everywhere (RAACE). She is a beautiful advocate for the safety of women and children in Harford County and beyond.





Polyn McSorley volunteers as the program director for the Fresh Start Furniture program at Found in Faith Ministries, where she has helped furnish over 1,100 low-income homes in Harford County. Her efforts have helped children and seniors procure beds, furnished homes for families getting back on their feet, and kept re-usable furniture and home goods out of the landfill. Through Bel Air United Methodist Church, Evelyn also delivers much-

needed meals and companionship to homebound seniors. She is a beautiful inspiration to all around her.





Rand veterans in his community. As a retired Army veteran and member of the Aberdeen Masonic Lodge, he has helped provide food and Christmas gifts to those in need and provides church escort services to veterans at Perry Point. He assists the Masonic Charities of Maryland with their Student Assistance Program (SAP), an intervention and education program for children in public primary and

secondary schools. Ralph served as a past Grand Tall Cedar of Lebanon Forest No. 142, where he collected donations for the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center, a pediatric clinic for children with speech and language impairments. In 2020, Ralph raised funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association as Grand Tall Cedar of Lebanon of Har-cee Forest. His passion and dedication make him one of Harford's most beautiful people.





rt Pokorny is a dedicated volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. Originally part of the Habitat for Humanity Bulle Rock club, his love for building forever homes propelled him to become part of the core volunteer team. In just over a year, Art has helped build five forever homes and a handicapped accessible ramp. He has accumulated almost 550 hours of service since 2019. Art's passion and commitment

make him a beautiful treasure to Habitat for Humanity and the families he helps.





ick Sayler has been a dedicated volunteer firefighter for the Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company since 2006. He is part of the swift water rescue team and aids in water rescues. He has received many accolades for heroic actions and saved many lives. Nick also fosters many animals through Saving Grace Animal Rescue. He has picked up animals in the middle of the night and has provided shelter, veterinary care, and training to these lost and

mistreated animals until a suitable forever family is found. Nick has also volunteered as a coach in the Jarrettsville Recreation Council for his three children and other kids, teaching teamwork and sportsmanship. Nick is a beautiful example of what it means to put others first.





Bliot Slattery is passionate about helping others reach and sustain recovery. He uses his long-term recovery experience to assist others suffering from addiction. Elliot is a dedicated volunteer with Mt. Zion Church, assisting with their Celebrate Recovery program and serves as president of Harvest House, a recovery ministry. He volunteers with Voices of Hope and assisted in setting up their

new recovery outreach location in Aberdeen. Elliot also speaks to graduates and participants of the Harford County Adult Drug Court about recovery and reaches out to others in the community that need guidance. Elliot's commitment to bring awareness to addiction, guide those who need recovery toward treatment resources, and bridge the gap in the continuum of care make him one of Harford's most beautiful people.



ver the past three years, Dr. Bernadette Solounias has volunteered with Homecoming Project, Inc., a residential home for women recovering from alcohol and substance abuse. Every Tuesday, she participates in game night with Homecoming's residents, showing them how to have fun in recovery and harness their ability to learn new things. A former doctor at Ashley Treatment Center, Dr. Solounias has often been a guest at educational

sessions at the home, lending her expertise and helping residents understand their disease, the means of treating it, and the importance of good mental health. She makes herself available to answer questions and guides and supports residents and graduates by attending fundraisers and holiday parties. To the women of Homecoming Project, Dr. Solounias' support is a beautiful reminder of hope.





Brad Stover volunteers with the Arc Northern Chesapeake Region (NCR) and has served as the governing board president. He has devoted his time, money, and guidance to further the success of the Arc NCR. Recently, Brad was an integral part of helping the Arc NCR partner and develop the ACCESS program (A College and Career Experience for Self Sufficiency). This program assists adults with

intellectual developmental disabilities and provides support and services that will lead to educational certificates and employment in certain fields. Additionally, Brad, and the Governance Board have adopted a family for the holidays for the past four years, donating and delivering food, gifts, and cheer to the Arc NCR's community living homes. Brad's dedication has had a beautiful impact on the Arc NCR and the people they serve.





onnie Vick volunteers with the CHOSEN Community Development Corporation as the project leader for the Violet Ripken Memorial Garden at the Aberdeen Boys and Girls Club. Lonnie was instrumental in planning and designing the garden, which opened in May 2021 to honor Mrs. Ripken's commitment to the Boys and Girls Clubs. Lonnie procured materials and volunteered to build 32 planting beds, including a pollinator garden, that

is used by the community to grow fruit and vegetables for their families and others. The gardens, which Lonnie also helps maintain, are meant to serve the community for years and are a beautiful legacy for all to enjoy.







eAnn Webb is committed to youth and education in Harford County. She established the First Ladies of Edgewood, a mentoring group that fosters a system of support for young women in the Edgewood community. She has donated and raised money to provide scholarships to two local high school students who are now attending Norfolk State University and the University of Delaware. As

a member of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority, DeAnn supports Harford Family House, and serves meals through Prince of Peace and other Harford County churches. DeAnn's actions have made a positive and beautiful impact on many in Harford County.





ver the past year and a half, Robin Williams has dedicated her time to spreading information and resources regarding COVID-19 to her church and community. As a registered nurse and First Lady of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Robin provided information and guidance to members of the church and to the community, helping them make informed decisions regarding the coronavirus and vaccine. She has served as moderator of the CHOSEN

Community Development Corporation's Community Health Forum on COVID-19 in conjunction with the Harford County Health Department. Robin also established best practices for vaccine clinics at the church in cooperation with the Maryland National Guard and Harford County Health Department. Multiple-drive through clinics were held from March to May 2021, with vaccines provided to over 1800 Harford County residents. Robin's commitment to the health and well-being of others is a beautiful inspiration to all.





Rudy Williams is a tireless advocate for those with sickle cell disease. Having a family member with the disease, he knew the problems patients faced when seeking medical help during a crisis. Rudy became president of the Sickle Cell Association of Harford and Cecil Counties and the Eastern Shore at a time when the organization was ready to dissolve. He reorganized and created a patient portal so patients could be seen immediately upon arrival at

the University of Maryland Harford Memorial Hospital, Upper Chesapeake Medical Center, and Elkton Memorial Hospital. He further procured direct and matching fund grants to support the sickle cell organization and assist patients with medical bills and transportation to the hospital. Rudy also works with American Red Cross blood drives to establish information tables to answer questions or educate potential blood donors about the necessity of blood for sickle cell patients. Rudy's unwavering commitment to this debilitating disease is a beautiful example of selflessness.





ebbie Woodfin has been a volunteer with the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company for over 42 years. She has served on countless emergency calls as an emergency medical service IV technician, assisting paramedics and consoling patients and family members. She has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary since 1979 and held several elected positions. Debbie has implemented numerous community events including craft and holiday fairs,

Pizza with Santa, open houses, rabies clinics and more. This past year during the COVID epidemic, she facilitated the now popular Food Truck Wednesdays, giving the local community a fun, yet safe way to have dinner out. Debbie's devotion to her community is a beautiful gift.

Congratulations to our 2020 Award Recipients!



Greg LaCour

2020 Harford's Most Beautiful Ripple Effect Award Winner Nominated by Neala Lancellotti

reg is a supports and advocates for SARC (The Sexual Assault Spouse Abuse Resource Center). He provides residents with access to critical external resources including donations from local grocery stores. Greg provides donations or household items for clients and secures silent

auction items for SARC's many fundraising events including their annual bull and oyster roast and assisting at the events and the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event to raise awareness for victims and survivors of sexual violence. Greg further volunteers and coordinates the food ministry at the Bel Air United Methodist Church, garnering resources from across the county and state to provide food for those in need.



Daniel McGhee

2020 Harford's Most Beautiful People Shining Light Award recipient, Nominated by Tom Lantieri

aniel McGhee is committed to those who suffer from addiction, depression, and anxiety. He uses his own recovery experience to help others overcome the addictions he once faced by speaking at events, fairs, and with those who are incarcerated. He works with hospitals,

sponsors individuals in recovery, and assists those who need help with getting into treatment facilities. Daniel also helps family members deal with their loved ones' addictions. As the founder of Agape Projects, Daniel assists the elderly and needy during the holidays, helps those displaced by fires, and leads missions to national disasters as well as third-world countries.



Tom Yingling

2020 Harford's Most Beautiful People Shining Light Award recipient, Nominated by Myra Derbyshire

om Yingling has turned grief into a voice for recovery in Harford County. In 2016, Tom tragically lost his son to the addiction of Heroin. Since then, he has become dedicated to helping others recover from this addiction. Tom was instrumental in creating the Char Hope Foundation, its

Emory House, Twin Stream Farm and Shepherd's Family Support Group. Tom has implemented agricultural therapy to help residents recover and supports the families of those recovering at Char Hope. He further serves as a trustee on the Char Hope Board of Directors.

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